

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
SANTA BARBARA IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY'S  
PARTICIPATION IN THE INSTITUTE FOR LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT'S BEACON AWARD PROGRAM TO  
RECOGNIZE ACHIEVEMENTS FROM CITYWIDE  
SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, the Beacon Award is a voluntary program of the Institute for Local Government, the non-profit research and education affiliate of the League of California Cities and the California State Association of Counties;

WHEREAS, the City is undertaking policies, programs and projects to reduce the use of energy and fuel, prevent waste, improve water quality, and restore creeks and wetlands;

WHEREAS, these policies, programs and activities conserve natural resources, divert waste from the landfill, and save energy and money;

WHEREAS, cities and counties statewide are leading by example by adopting innovative sustainability programs and policies, including working with residents, businesses, and community organizations;

WHEREAS, the City has implemented numerous policies and programs for the community and municipal operations to protect and enhance the environment;

WHEREAS, the City diverts 70% of waste from the landfill with aggressive recycling and composting programs;

WHEREAS, 98% of City park acreage is maintained without the use of toxic pesticides;

WHEREAS, the City has installed the largest solar project in the City, generating 87% of electrical demand for nearby City offices;

WHEREAS, the City wishes to share its experiences with other communities and be recognized for its accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, the Beacon Award recognizes and celebrates achievements of cities and counties that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, save energy, and implement best practices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA THAT the City of Santa Barbara agrees to participate in the Institute for Local Government Beacon Award Program and be considered for a Silver, Gold, or Platinum award for environmental achievements.